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Dear Dr. Henney:

As a physician, I'm sure that you're aware that feeding antibiotics to poultry, pigs, and cattle to promote their growth, threatens the efficacy of antibiotics to cure bacterial disease. I've been following the story since the 1970s, wondering why something was not done to stop it.

Long ago I stopped buying meat that was harvested from antibiotic-treated animals, but everyone is not so lucky. Also all of us are still threatened by exposure bacteria which have become resistant to all known antibiotics. The children that have died from resistant bacterial strains are pathetic. **It's past time for the US to ban the use of medically important antibiotics to enhance animal growth.**

Please follow the lead of the World Health Organization and withdraw approval of antibiotics for prophylactic use of antibiotics in food animals.

Sincerely,



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